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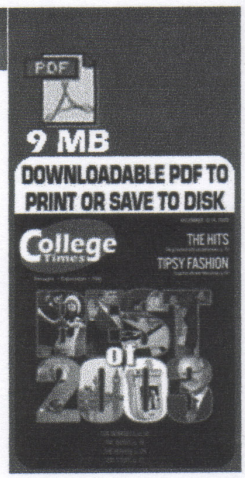

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by Eddie Shoebang
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Despite lacking a serious bone in their bodies, the members of Illegal Substance have been making the rounds in local Phoenix clubs and in Los Angeles. They're starting to turn heads, if not with their music, then with their donkey. Put together for shits and giggles, the members, who go by the stage names P-Nut (he's well aware he's ripping off the other guy from 311), Adverb, and DJ Jimi Numonic, made party music to jump around to in a drunken haze. What they didn't realize was that other people out there wanted to hear that sort of music as well and they soon found themselves on a label. Their music has been heard on ESPN and on MTV's The Real World, but they are still waiting for that big promotional push that will unleash what they wish to spew out of their mouths to the rest of America. On one unassuming Wednesday afternoon, we got a call from Adverb (real name Brandon Rictor) giving us the good and bad word.

How did this band come together?

P-Nut and I, we were just these sucka-ass white MCs from the desert who rap over guitars. Our music takes things from all genres. We jack culture just like Republicans jack elections. We're a retarded party band and we used this gig as an excuse to do ecstasy. And here we are.

Inspiration for the songs, where do they come from? Do you guys throw a party, get high, and write lyrics?

We pull the songwriting from a bunch of different stuff like office antics, lesbian sex and cartoons. It the shit starts getting too serious, we scrap it. We were listening to Beasties and Rage Against the Machine, who we love, but they are serious and we were asking what happened to the fun?

What's up with the donkey named Pickles?

In the beginning there were some people getting pissed at us because I think they were taking us seriously. They have to realize we just a joke, so we decided to bring a donkey on stage to really drive the point that we were

jackasses. Now people are taking the donkey a little too seriously saying that the mule is how we smuggle drugs in. Now the donkey is becoming more popular than us. We have girls emailing us telling us to kiss the donkey for them. That goddamn donkey gets more play than we ever would.

Do you have fascination with drugs?

We were going to name an album Free Ecstasy and the local DEA office thought we were serious. We had wrapped up Sweet Tarts and were going to pass them around.

Did anyone tell you they got really high off the Sweet Tarts?

No, I don't think so.

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